Finance (Marine) (1924) Department.

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G.O. No. 209

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question

Bangalore - Landing + Shipping
Committee - Development of
trade since extension of
Railway line to the North

Mangalore Port.

Mr. J A Saldanha. BA. LL.B. Bn L C interviewed me today on the reference to the Mangalore L. H.S. Fees Committee. He pointed out certain portions of the trading community were unrepresented. The Coloo merchants, Mahomedans & R C Christians were - the communities he referred to. I suggested that he should see the Collector He agreed to do so.

2 What is the present constitution of the Mangalore L H.S. Fees Committee.

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The present constition of the Mangalore L H.S. Fees Committee is as follows.

Official members

The Collector of S. Kanara
The Port Officer
The Customs collector.

Non-official members

G.O. No 1878, 21-5-21 (H) MRRy. M. A. Krishna Naik Avl.,
G.O. No 4378 11-10-22 (G) Mr. R. N. Besonji
G.O. No 535 8, 11-12-22 (F) Mr. William Wilfred Fanakan
" " " (F) Mr. J.C. Howison
G.O. No 348 8.6 23 (C) Mr. A.E. Lance, Manager, Kuroki Tile Work Commonwealth Tr
G.O. No 535 26.12.23 (B) MRRy. Purushotam Nanjee Shett Avl.

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Keep this for the reference. He will probably see me next meeting 4/3/24

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Council office,
7-2-24.

QUESTION.

Mr.J.A.Saldanha.

THE FINANCE(MARINE) DEPARTMENT.

723. Will the hon.the Member for Finance be pleased to state:-

(1) whether the export and import business of Mangalore has increased since the extension of Railway line to Mangalore and if so to what extent approximately;

(2) what amount was collected as landing and shipping fees during the last three years (a) from the Indian Tile Exporters (b) the other Indian merchants (c) the European firms and (d) others;

(3) whether the rates of landing and shipping fees were raised during that period and to what extent and, to meet what purposes;

(4) what were the principal works carried out during that period;

(5) whether there are representatives of the Indian Tile Exporters on the Port Committee (Landing & shipping Dues Committee) and if not why not;

(6) whether the proceedings of that Committee are published in the local district Gazette and if not, why not?

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L.C.O. (iv. 8)—2,000—1-8-21.

QUESTION.—No. 723 for the first day of the next meeting of the Legislative Council ~~to be held on the~~ 1924

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Finance (Marine) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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U.O. No. 708-10 dated 15-2-24

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. FINANCE DEPARTMENT. 16 FEB 1924

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The Finance (Marine) Department.

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Reference is solicited to the Leg. Council question of Mr. Saldhana.

2. Taking his questions in order, he wants to know the increase in the export and import business of Mangalore since the railway line was extended to the place. The railway line was extended to the port of Mangalore between August 1906 and July 1907. The trade of the port of Mangalore from the years 1896-97 to 1922-23 is given at page 3 of the notes to G.O.No.3-4, Marine, dated 3-1-1924.

Vide Tel. message (2)

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	Imports Rs.	Exports Rs.	Total Rs.
1905-06 ...	67,94,149	1,42,47,030	2,10,41,179
1906-07 ...	49,85,384	1,10,04,989	1,59,90,373
1907-08 ...	53,85,486	95,58,370	1,49,43,856
1922-23 ...	89,66,760	1,73,30,349	2,62,97,109

Take 1905-06 As 23 Rs

If the year 1905-06 is taken as the year previous to the opening of the railway, the increase in the trade of the port is from Rs.2,10,41,179 to Rs.2,62,97,109 or an increase of 25 per cent; if the year 1906-07 is taken as the year prior to the opening of the railway, then the increase is from Rs.1,59,90,373 to Rs.2,62,97,109 or an increase of 64½ per cent.

3. The next information wanted by the M.L.C. is what amount of landing and shipping fees was collected during the last three years from the Indian tile exporters, the other Indian merchants, the European firms and others. The Landing and Shipping Fees accounts are not kept in such a way to show these particulars. If the information has to be compiled, it will involve a great deal of labour and will have to be prepared by the Port Officer, Mangalore. It is wanted for three years. The answer to this part may be that the information is not available.

Vide Tel message (2) Will not have such information As 1.3 Rs

4. The next question is whether the rates of

landing and shipping fees were raised during the last three years. The rates for the port of Mangalore were last revised in G.O.No.379, Marine, dated 9-10-1920.

5. Regarding the principal works carried out during the last three years, in March 1920, an estimate for Rs.11,337-15-0 was sanctioned by Govt. for the purpose of the construction of a retaining wall. Though this work was actually sanctioned in 1919-20, yet as the work was done in the year 1920-21, it is presumed this work also might be included in the work done during the last three years. In 1920, an estimate of Rs.15,125 for the extension of the retaining wall was sanctioned; another for Rs.36,800/- (since raised to Rs.40,000) for constructing a new retaining wall south of the pier and another for Rs.16,000 for constructing four wooden barges. The total amount will be

	Rs.
1st estimate	11,337-15-6
2nd estimate	15,125
Estimate for south extension (since revised)	40,000
	66,462
Wooden barges	16,000
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6. The next information wanted is about the constitution of the L. and S. Fees Committee. With reference to Mr. Saldhana's interview with the Dy. Secretary, the following information was collected:-

Mangalore L. and S. Fees Committee:

Officials: The Collector of South Kanara
The Port Officer
The Customs Collector

Non-officials: Mr. R.N.Besonji
,, William Wilfred Fanakan
,, J.C.Howison
,, A.E.Lance, Manager, Kudroli Tile Work
Commonwealth I
,, M.A.Krishna Naik
,, Purushotam Nanjee Sait.

It will be seen from the above that there is a representative of the tile industry. But he is not an Indian. It is not clear whether any of the two Indian gentlemen have any connection

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We yet have no information
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for from the Collector.

7. The M.L.C. wants also to know whether the proceedings of the L. and S. Fees Committee are published in the local district gazette and if not why not. The proceedings of the L. and S. Fees Committees are not published in the district gazettes. These committees are advisory bodies and their proceedings are of a local nature and that is the reason apparently why their proceedings are not published in the gazette.

(1) The Committee is an informal body.
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8. May an answer be given with the information available here or may further information be called for with reference to the points mentioned in paras. 3 and 6 of the office note above?

S.S.B.
23.2.24

Never ask for information unless the Member asks for it or a supplemental question in the precise case of the Member or the Minister may be questioned. It may be referred to the local authorities
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Draft reply accordingly
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A draft reply is submitted.

S.S.B.
25.2.24

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Done as amended by G
27/2/24

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Finance [illegible]

Draft Answer.

(1) Since the extension of the railway line to Mangalore, the export and import trade of Mangalore has increased from Rs.2,10,41,179 to Rs.2,62,97,109 or by about 25 per cent.

(2) The Government have no information.

(3) No.

(4) The following works were carried out during the last three years:-

(a) Extension of the retaining wall north of the pier and reclamation ... Rs.15,125.

(b) Construction of a new wall south of the pier and also reclamation ... Rs.40,000.

(c) Construction of four wooden barges Rs.16,000

(5) The Government have no information.

(6) The proceedings of the Committee are not published in the local district gazette, as it is an informal body.

S.B.B. 28.2.22

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Draft Answer.

(1) If the years 1906-07 and 1922-23 are taken, there is an increase of about 64½ per cent.

(2) The accounts of Landing and Shipping Fees are not kept in accordance with the nature of the articles on which they are paid.

(3) The rates have not been raised.

(4) Retaining walls north and south of the pier and reclamation behind them have been made at a cost of Rs.15,000 and Rs.40,000 respectively, and four wooden barges have been constructed at a cost of Rs.16,000.

(5) A list of the gentlemen on the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee is appended..

(6) The proceedings of the Landing and Shipping Fees Committees are not published in the district gazettes, because the Committees are only advisory bodies and their proceedings are of interest only to a very limited portion of the public.

Appendix.

Officials:

The Collector of South Kanara.
The Port Officer, Mangalore.
The Customs Collector, Mangalor

Non-officials:

Mr. R.N.Besonji
,, ~~William~~ ~~Wilfred~~ Fanakan
,, J.C.Howison
,, ~~A.E.Lance~~. H.T.E. Thorpe

Mr.M.A.Krishna Naik
,, Purushotam Nanjee Sait.

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Council Office\

Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

The Finance (Marine) Department.

Question No.723. Will the Hon'ble the Member for Finance be pleased to state :-

(1) whether the export and import business of Mangalore has increased since the extension of the railway line to Mangalore and if so to what extent approximately;

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(3) whether the rates of landing and shipping fees were raised during that period and to what extent and, to meet what purposes;

(4) what were the principal works carried out during that period;

(5) whether there are representatives of the Indian tile exporters on the Port Committee (Landing and Shipping Dues Committee) and if not why not;

(6) whether the proceedings of that Committee are published in the local District Gazette and if not, why not ;?

ANSWER.

(1) If the years 1906-07 and 1912-13 are taken there is an increase of about 64½ per cent.

(2) The accounts of Landing and Shipping Fees are not kept in accordance with the nature of the articles on which they are paid.

(3) The rates have not been raised.

(4) Extensive Retaining walls north and south of the pier and reclamations behind them have been made at a cost of

Rs.15,000 and Rs.40,000, respectively, and four wooden barges have been constructed at a cost of Rs.16,000.

(b) A list of the gentlemen on the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee is appended.

(c) The proceedings of the Landing and Shipping Fees Committees are not published in the district gazettes, because the Committees are only advisory bodies and their proceedings are of interest only to a very limited portion of the public.

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" H. A. Krishna Naik
" Purushotam Manjee Suit.

J. B. Brown

Deputy Secretary

To the Legislative Council Office.

Forwarded to the Legislative Council Office.

(By Order) S. D. Gubbi
27.2.24
Superintendent.

(The above answer approved by the Hon'ble Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.)

The question was answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 17.3.24. No supplementary question was asked. The papers may be recorded.

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Abstract

Mangalore — L.C. Qn - L & S. Fees Committee - Development of trade since the extension of railway line.

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